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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Abstract.

Prohibition - Liquor - Issue of licences to non-proprietory clubs - Revised scheme so that the total quantity consumed in the club and at home may not exceed the quantity allowed in the permit - Orders passed.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. 2646. Dated the 9th November 1948.

Read:-

Letter from the representatives of the Royal Madras Yacht Club, the Madras Boat Club, the Madras Club, the Madras Cricket Club, the Madras Gymkhana Club and the Royal Madras Yacht Club, dated 18.10.48.

Order:-

The Government have decided that the total quantity of liquor which a permit holder may consume in a month either in a licensed club or at home should not exceed the maximum quantity prescribed in his permit. Representatives of certain clubs in Madras City were requested to formulate a scheme to give effect to the above decision. They have accordingly submitted a scheme in their letter quoted above. The Government have examined the scheme and pass the following orders.

2. The Government direct that holders of permits in form VII who are members of licensed clubs and who wish to be able to consume liquor on the club's premises should be issued coupons for obtaining liquor. Such permit holders should be allowed to get their liquor whether in glasses for consumption on the club's premises or in bottles for consumption in their houses only through their clubs and the permits against which coupons have been issued should bear an endorsement "Coupons issued upto . . . . . (here enter date). No liquor to be supplied except from clubs'. The coupons should be printed and distributed by the Board of Revenue. No other permit holder should be given coupons; no liquor will be served or sold by any club except against the surrender of the appropriate number of liquor coupons. Permit holders who do not belong to any licensed club or belonging to a licensed club do not wish to be able to consume liquor on the club's premises will not receive any coupons. Such permit holders should get their requirements through such agency for the supply of liquor as the Government may appoint.

3. Each coupon will be equivalent to 1/24th of a unit and each permit holder who wishes to obtain his liquor from clubs should be issued coupons for the quantity of liquor he is allowed to consume in a quarter only one third of the coupons being valid during each month of the quarter. The month for which each coupon is valid should be stamped on it or different coloured coupons may be given for each month of a quarter. In order to facilitate the working of the above scheme the Government direct that in the permits issued under section 20(a) of the Act, the total quantity of each kind of liquor which may be possessed need not be specified and that it is sufficient if the total number of units which may be possessed at a time and consumed in a month is specified. The Government also direct that permit holders be allowed to possess at a time the maximum number of units which they can consume in a month.

4. Coupons surrendered by permit holders should be defaced immediately and preserved by the clubs. They should maintain accounts showing the quantity of liquor bought in each month, the quantity of liquor issued, the quantity lost on account of breakages, ullage and condemned stocks, and the number of coupons surrendered and defaced. For breakages, ullage and condemned stocks the clubs should be allowed

only a maximum of 2% of the quantity of liquor issued. The accounts should be produced for inspection on demand by any officer not below the rank of Deputy Tahsildar, Police Inspector or Assistant Prohibition Officer.

5. The clubs may replenish their stocks by purchase from such agency for supply as the Government may appoint provided the total quantity possessed by the clubs at a time does not exceed the quantity which they may possess at a time under the terms of their licences. The Government do not consider it necessary for clubs to produce the surrendered coupons for replenishing their stock

6. The scheme mentioned above will apply not only to the six clubs which have submitted the scheme but to all the licensed clubs in the Prohibition areas. It should be given effect to from 1.1.1949. The Board of Revenue is requested to draw up in consultation with the Superintendent, Government Press a scheme for the printing of the coupons. The possibility of unauthorised coupons coming into existence should be guarded against. Necessary draft amendments to the relevant licence forms, etc to give effect to the scheme may be submitted. The Board is also requested to circularise all clubs which have been given licences to furnish it with a list of their members who are holders of permits in Form VII and who wish to obtain their liquor from the clubs and want to avail themselves of the coupon system. Clubs which may be given licences hereafter should be asked to furnish similar information at the time of the grant of licences. When the coupons are ready for issue the Board may ask the clubs to produce the permits of the members and issue coupons against them to the clubs for distribution to their members. The same procedure should be adopted every quarter when fresh permits are to be issued.

7. Orders will be issued separately regarding the issue of temporary or visitors' permits.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor).

V.K. Rao,
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